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In re Application of
Jacki Müller et al
Serial No.: 09/403,192
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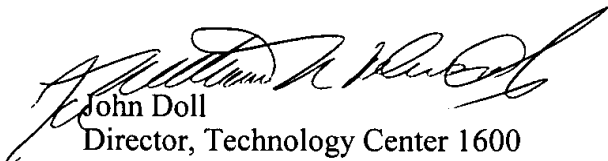
This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed July 3, 2002, requesting revival of the above-identified application based on non-receipt of an Office action. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted, however it was only recently forwarded for consideration.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on August 23, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the application was held abandoned by Notice of abandonment mailed to applicants on June 18, 2002. Applicants state that the Office action was never received and provide statements and docket record evidence of non-receipt in support thereof. In view thereof, the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to a pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for remailing of the Office action of August 23, 2002.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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